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re U.S. Patent of: Mattice et al.

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CONTROLLING ACCESS TO AREAS  
OF GAMING MACHINES

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2005, please amend  
the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.